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In re U.S. Patent Application

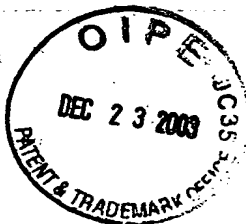
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, the shortened period for response to which will expire on January 2, 2004. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Species I, illustrated in Figs. 1 to 11, drawn to a liquid crystal display device, without traverse. Claims 1 to 17, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37 to 41 pertain to the elected species.

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COVER LETTER

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[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	41	41	21 (Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	24	24	21 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
				TOTAL	0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
with claim amendments

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Substitute Specification

[] Other _____

[] Petition for Extension of Time ____-month

[] Terminal Disclaimer

[] Letter to Draftsperson w/ pages of drawings

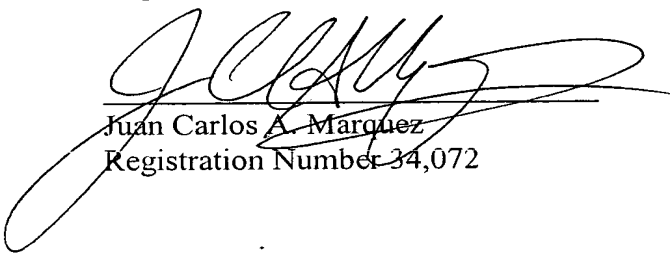
[] Assignment

[] Petition under _____

- [] Please charge my **Deposit Account Number** _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the fees for _____. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- [] A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the fee is enclosed.
- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including patent application filing fees and processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**.

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